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SUBJECT: US/ROMANIAN GIFA LANGUAGE CHANGES

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- 1. IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS EMBOFFS HAVE MADE NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS TO GOR OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN VAIN EFFORT TO OBTAIN GOR CONCURRENCE TO OUR REQUESTED CHANGE IN ROMANIAN VERSION OF GIFA ARTICLE XVI, LINE 2 AND 3.
- 2. IN LATE MAY MOTT OFFICIALS SENT MFA ITS REASONS FOR OPPOSING REQUESTED CHANGE. WE UNDERSTAND THESE REVOLVE AROUND WHAT US MEANS BY TERM "OTHER JURISDICTIONS" AS US INTERPRETATION (I.E. US POSITION ON ECONOMIC ZONES IN LAW OF SEA CONTEXT) MAY DIFFER FROM GOR POSITIONGC SINCE RECEIVING MOTT POSITION, MFA HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DECIDE WHAT GOR POSITION SHOULD BE. ONE APPROACH, USED BY BOTH MOTT AND MFA OFFICIALS, HAS BEEN TO POINT OUT THAT THE GIFA SPECIFIES THAT BOTH LANGUAGE VERSIONS ARE EQUALLY CORRECT (EVEN THOUGH THEY AGREE THAT ENGLISH AND ROMANIAN VERSIONS OF ARTICLE XVI DIFFER), TO WHICH WE HAVE COUNTERED THAT PER ARTICLE XVII, THE GIFA SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY AN EWHANGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NOTES. (NOTE: ALL OUR MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN VERY FRIENDLY IN TONE.)

3. IN LATEST MEETING THIS SUBJECT, COMATT MET ON JUNE 23 WITH TUDOR MIRCEA OF MFA JURIDICAL DIRECTORATE. AS THIS FIRST MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT WITH MIRCEA INVOLVED (PREVIOUS MEETINGS INVOLVED DUMITRU MAZILU OR CHEORGHE SAULESCU), HE RE-

QUESTED TWO WEEK PERIOD
TO LOOK INTO THE SUBJECT AND PROVIDE
THE EMBASSY WITH A DEFINITIVE GOR POSITION ON REQUESTED LANGUAGE
CHANGE TO ROMANIAN VERSION OF ARTICLE XVI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF GOR PROBLEM WITH MEANING OF "OTHER JURISDICTIONS" IN ARTICLE XVI, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT BY JULY 6/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MEAN "OTHER JURISDICTIONS" SO AS TO BE ABLE TO USE THIS INFORMATION IN NEXT MEETING WILW MFA OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT. BAR

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